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Kathy Davidson
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Dear Kathy:

We have finished our agency review of the Colbert Draft Feasibility Study and have given our comments to Golder for correction.

The comments are not voluminous and they should be able to incorporate them and begin reproducing the final F/S document for public distribution by the end of February.

I do have a problem with timing however. I have been reluctant to set the public meeting date until the document has been finalized and fact sheets developed. I don't want to go to a public meeting without first having the document available for them, especially at the Colbert site.

In the mean time, one of our community relations staff persons has just taken another job which will make preparing the fact sheets more complicated and time consuming.

The last time I asked for a time extension, the paperwork process consumed five weeks of an eight week extension. Fortunately the first five weeks didn't require a lot of consultant time. The next three will, and so will the next month (March). This is when we are tentatively scheduling the public meeting at Colbert.

I am asking for another extension for two months to preserve the contractor for the public meeting and responsiveness summary. This time however, I would like you to send a letter to our contract specialists notifying them of your approval, so I can head off the three to five week dead time the amendment process would consume. They said this would be enough authorization for me to proceed and for them to task the consultant.

I asked our contract specialists to authorize work assignments during the last extension but they said they had no authority for us to proceed.

Those types of delays have been causing us some problems. Perhaps in our upcoming reorganization some of this will be streamlined but in the

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meantime your letter to us authorizing us to proceed on the time extension should expedite this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Gardner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fred Gardner
Project Manager
Colbert Landfill

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